



## PAVING THE WAY TO A DECISION

State Form 53185 (1-07) / CW 3416  
DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES

**INSTRUCTIONS:** The foster parent applicant(s) must complete Part A prior to the first home visit by the Family Case Manager (FCM) / Foster Care Licensing staff. The completed form is retained by the applicant(s) until the second home visit. The applicant(s) must attend the Foster, Adoptive, Kinship Training Orientation session. The FCM / Foster Care Licensing staff completes Part B, with the applicant(s), on second home visit. The completed form becomes a part of the file.

PART A - TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT	PART B - TO BE COMPLETED WITH THE APPLICANT
<p>1. The first time I heard about foster parenting was:</p>          <p>The first time I actually inquired about foster parenting was:</p>	<p>Since that time, my ideas about foster parenting have changed:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a great deal      <input type="checkbox"/> quite a bit</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a little bit      <input type="checkbox"/> not at all</p> <p>STAFF COMMENTS:</p>
<p>2. One of the most appealing features which I look forward to as a foster parent is:</p>          <p>The reason for my answer to the above is:</p>	<p>This feature remains:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> most appealing      <input type="checkbox"/> is now less appealing      <input type="checkbox"/> is not appealing at all</p> <p>STAFF COMMENTS:</p>
<p>3. One of the big worries I have about becoming a foster parent is:</p>          <p>The reason for my answer to the above is:</p>	<p>Since that time, my worry has:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> been greatly reduced      <input type="checkbox"/> been somewhat reduced      <input type="checkbox"/> remains the same</p> <p>STAFF COMMENTS:</p>

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<p>4. Probably the biggest behavior problem in a child which I would have trouble dealing with is:</p>  <p>The reason for my answer to the above is:</p>  <p>How can Foster Care Licensing help you in this area?</p>	<p>Since that time, I think that I would have:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> much less trouble    <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat less trouble    <input type="checkbox"/> just as much trouble</p> <hr/> <p>STAFF COMMENTS:</p>
<p>5. Probably the three (3) best qualities I would have as a foster parent are:</p>  <p>To help a child achieve his/her permanency goal, I feel I would need the following qualities:</p>  <p>How can Foster Care Licensing help you in this area?</p>	<p>Since that time, my ideas about foster parenting have changed:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> very important    <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat important    <input type="checkbox"/> not very important at all</p> <hr/> <p>STAFF COMMENTS:</p>
<p>6. I would probably feel most comfortable in caring for:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> boy(s)    <input type="checkbox"/> girl(s)    Between the ages of _____ and _____</p>  <p>The reason for my answer to the above is:</p>  <p>How can Foster Care Licensing help you in this area?</p>	<p>I still feel the same:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> My mind has not changed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> My mind has changed somewhat.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I now feel quite differently.</p> <hr/> <p>STAFF COMMENTS:</p>

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<p>7. My partner / spouse thinks that the responsibilities of foster parenting involve:</p>  <p>The reason for my answer to the above is:</p>  <p>How can Foster Care Licensing help you in this area?</p>	<div data-bbox="1108 142 1650 272"> <input type="checkbox"/> My partner / spouse still feels the same.  <input type="checkbox"/> My partner / spouse has changed somewhat.  <input type="checkbox"/> My partner / spouse now feels quite differently. </div> <div data-bbox="1081 305 1310 329">STAFF COMMENTS:</div>
<p>8. I have talked about foster parenting with _____ and that person(s) think(s):</p>  <p>The reason for my answer to the above is:</p>  <p>How can Foster Care Licensing help you in this area?</p>	<div data-bbox="1081 589 1562 768"> <p>The party(ies) with whom I have spoken:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> still feel the same way  <input type="checkbox"/> have changed his/her mind somewhat  <input type="checkbox"/> now feel quite differently </div> <div data-bbox="1081 800 1310 824">STAFF COMMENTS:</div>
<p>9. I would probably find it most difficult to deal with a girl who:</p>    <p>How can Foster Care Licensing help you in this area?</p>	<div data-bbox="1108 1084 1541 1214"> <input type="checkbox"/> I still feel the same way.  <input type="checkbox"/> I have changed my mind somewhat.  <input type="checkbox"/> I feel quite differently now. </div> <div data-bbox="1081 1247 1310 1271">STAFF COMMENTS:</div>

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<p>10. I would probably find it most difficult to deal with a boy who:</p>          <p>How can Foster Care Licensing help you in this area?</p>	<div data-bbox="1108 142 1541 272"> <input type="checkbox"/> I still feel the same way.  <input type="checkbox"/> I have changed my mind somewhat.  <input type="checkbox"/> I feel quite differently now. </div> <div data-bbox="1081 305 1308 329">STAFF COMMENTS:</div>
<p>11. The idea of interacting with the birth parent(s) of a foster child makes me feel:</p>          <p>The reason for my answer to the above question is:</p>          <p>How can Foster Care Licensing help you in this area?</p>	<div data-bbox="1108 524 1541 654"> <input type="checkbox"/> I still feel the same way.  <input type="checkbox"/> I have changed my mind somewhat.  <input type="checkbox"/> I feel quite differently now. </div> <div data-bbox="1081 686 1308 711">STAFF COMMENTS:</div>
<p>12. What I would like to understand most about foster parenting is:</p>          <p>The reason for my answer to the above question is:</p>          <p>How can Foster Care Licensing help you in this area?</p>	<div data-bbox="1108 1003 1528 1133"> <input type="checkbox"/> My desire remains the same.  <input type="checkbox"/> My desire has changed somewhat.  <input type="checkbox"/> My desire now is quite changed. </div> <div data-bbox="1081 1166 1308 1190">STAFF COMMENTS:</div>

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<p>13. What I will probably find most difficult in my contacts with a foster care worker is:</p>  <p>The reason for my answer to the above question is:</p>  <p>How can Foster Care Licensing help you in this area?</p>	<div data-bbox="1108 142 1491 272"> <input type="checkbox"/> I still feel the same way.  <input type="checkbox"/> I now feel somewhat differently.  <input type="checkbox"/> I now feel altogether different. </div> <div data-bbox="1081 305 1308 329">STAFF COMMENTS:</div>
<p>14. One thing I would not want a foster care worker to do is:</p>          	<div data-bbox="1108 605 1570 735"> <input type="checkbox"/> I still feel the same way.  <input type="checkbox"/> I feel somewhat differently now.  <input type="checkbox"/> My feelings have now changed greatly. </div> <div data-bbox="1081 768 1308 792">STAFF COMMENTS:</div>
<p>15. As I think about foster parenting, the area I might need the most help in is:</p>          <p>The reason for my answer to the above question is:</p>	<div data-bbox="1108 1052 1570 1182"> <input type="checkbox"/> I still feel the same way.  <input type="checkbox"/> I feel somewhat differently now.  <input type="checkbox"/> My feelings have now changed greatly. </div> <div data-bbox="1081 1214 1308 1239">STAFF COMMENTS:</div>

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<p>16. For me, the most difficult part in asking for help is:</p>	<div data-bbox="1108 142 1570 272"> <input type="checkbox"/> I still feel the same way.  <input type="checkbox"/> I feel somewhat differently now.  <input type="checkbox"/> My feelings have now changed greatly. </div> <div data-bbox="1081 305 1308 329">STAFF COMMENTS:</div>
<p>17. I would probably want to quit as a foster parent if:</p>  <p>The reason for my answer to the above question is:</p>   <p>How can Foster Care Licensing help you in this area?</p>	<div data-bbox="1108 524 1570 654"> <input type="checkbox"/> I still feel the same way.  <input type="checkbox"/> I feel somewhat differently now.  <input type="checkbox"/> My feelings have now changed greatly. </div> <div data-bbox="1081 686 1308 711">STAFF COMMENTS:</div>
<p>18. If a foster child were giving me a terribly hard time, I would probably:</p>  <p>The reason for my answer to the above question is:</p>   <p>How can Foster Care Licensing help you in this area?</p>	<div data-bbox="1108 1003 1598 1133"> <input type="checkbox"/> I would still do the same.  <input type="checkbox"/> I would do something somewhat different.  <input type="checkbox"/> I would do something altogether different. </div> <div data-bbox="1081 1166 1308 1190">STAFF COMMENTS:</div>

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<p>19. Foster children probably think that their birth parents are:</p>  <p>The reason for my answer to the above question is:</p>  <p>How can Foster Care Licensing help you in this area?</p>	<div data-bbox="1108 142 1570 272"> <input type="checkbox"/> I still feel the same way.  <input type="checkbox"/> I feel somewhat differently now.  <input type="checkbox"/> My feelings have now changed greatly. </div> <div data-bbox="1081 305 1310 331">STAFF COMMENTS:</div>
<p>20. When the time comes for a foster child to move from my home, the part I will probably have the most difficulty with is:</p>  <p>The reason for my answer to the above question is:</p>  <p>How can Foster Care Licensing help you in this area?</p>	<div data-bbox="1108 634 1570 764"> <input type="checkbox"/> I still feel the same way.  <input type="checkbox"/> I feel somewhat differently now.  <input type="checkbox"/> My feelings have now changed greatly. </div> <div data-bbox="1081 797 1310 823">STAFF COMMENTS:</div>

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY THE APPLICANT(S)	
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY THE FCM / FOSTER CARE LICENSING STAFF	
Signature of Applicant A	Date (month, day, year)
Signature of Applicant B	Date (month, day, year)
Signature of Family Case Manager / Foster Care Licensing Staff	Date (month, day, year)